Sangre De Cristo Newsnotes

by Father Dan Jones

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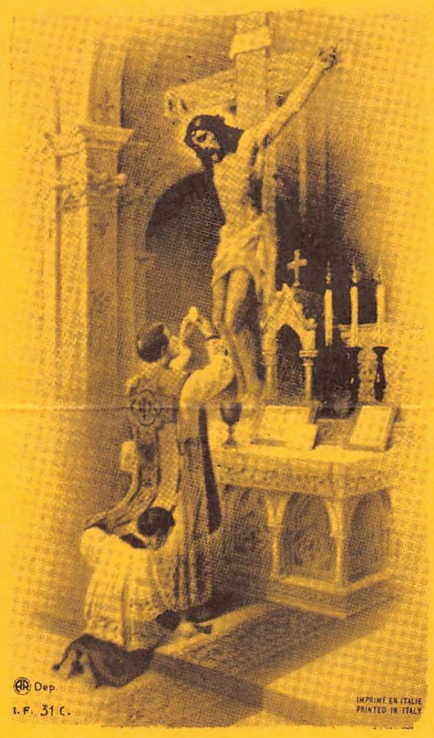
"Beloved: I charge thee, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead by His coming and by His Kingdom, preach the word, be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, entreat, rebuke with all patience and teaching. For there will come a time when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but having itching ears, will heap up to themselves teachers according to their own lusts, and they will turn away their hearing from the truth and turn aside rather to fables. But do thou be watchful in all things, bear with tribulation patiently, work as a preacher of the gospel, fulfill thy ministry." ------- II Tim. 4:1-8. ------



St. Peter was a 16th century Jesuit. The Divine Office states that he is called the Hammer of Heretics and the Second Apostle of Germany.

"O God, who strengthened blessed Peter, your Confessor, with virtue and learning for the defense of the Catholic faith, graciously grant that by his example and counsels the erring may be restored to salvation, and the faithful persevere in confession of the truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen."

SOME PERSONAL COMMENTS

Today is the day I've told myself I've got to get out another newsletter. My secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Spencer, has me set up for getting out a gold newsletter this month and a blue one in May, the month of Mary. And boosts number 2 and 3 came in the mail today by way of the ORCM Newsletter by Father Francis E. Fenton and the Newsletter for the Traditional Catholics of Houston sent to me by my good friend Gary Giuffre. They were both packed with information and inspiration and incouragement (as Father Altenbach of Milwaukee would say). If you're not already on their mailing lists, you've been missing out on some real gems. Another periodic Catholic jewel is Father Urban J. Snyder's Kyrie Elieson Newsletter. If you're interested, I suggest you drop them a little note and a donation, and tell them you'ld like to receive their newsletters.

ORCM Newsletter
P. O. Box 237
Monroe, Conn. 06468

Traditional Catholics of Houston
P. O. Box 52727
Houston, Texas 77052

Kyrie Eleison Newsletter
P. O. Box 14361
Spokane, Washington 99206

Since my last newsletter(s) several people have written me and a number of you enclosed little (or not so little) financial gifts. I've been trying to send out individual acknowledgements, but just keep falling behind. If you haven't received a personal note from me, I hope you'll please accept these periodic newsletters as at least a form of a thank you and response to your letters. By the way, you may be interested in knowing that some 800+ people are now receiving the Sangre De Cristo Newsnotes (over 300 of those are priests). And I do hope more of those priests will start taking a stand for their Catholic Faith. If they agree with our stand on the Tridentine Latin Mass, then why don't they come forward and help us out? If they don't agree, why don't they refute our arguments?

Charles and Florence Gentges and their daughter Mary Elizabeth in Windsor, Colorado, have been doing some most praiseworthy work for the traditional Catholic cause. Among other things they have made hundreds of beautiful Rosaries, have widely distributed the Brown Scapular; Mr. Gentges has made numerous portable altars now being used by traditional Catholic groups across the state of Colorado; and recently they have been putting adds in local northern Colorado papers concerning the traditional Latin Mass. Below is a copy of the form letter they've been sending to the several people responding to their adds:

J.M.J.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CONFRATERNITY
P. O. Box 597
Windsor, Colorado 80550

Thank you for contacting us. We desire to reach as many Catholics as possible who love, and desire to attend, the traditional Latin "Tridentine" Mass of St. Pius V. This is the Mass which nourished the Church for nearly 20 centuries, which Pius V in Quo Primum (July, 1570) ordered was to continue for all time, the Mass which we all attended and loved in our childhood and youth and which was the only Mass we knew till recent years when the "New Mass" (Novus Ordo: "New Order") was introduced.

The Tridentine Latin Mass has never been, nor can it ever be legally abolished; the Holy See has never "outlawed" it. However, this beautiful Mass has been suppressed and replaced with a New Mass; Catholic leaders tell their people that the old Mass is now illegal and foist off on them new ways and teachings contrary to those which have nourished the faithful for countless generations extending back to antiquity and to which the Catholic conscience is bound forever.

Yes, you can attend a Tridentine Latin Mass in your area. All over the world Catholics are organizing to preserve the Tridentine Mass of St. Pius V and the teachings that went with it. In Colorado a traditional priest serves groups in Colorado Springs, Stratton, Durango, Montrose, Denver, Pueblo, and Windsor.

The Priest hears confessions before Mass while the congregation prays the Rosary. Then he celebrates a traditional Tridentine Latin Mass. To combat the scandalous dress that fills our churches today, these groups have a reasonable modesty code for all women and girls in attendance: heads and arms must be covered; dresses must be long enough to cover the knees when seated; no low necklines; slacks are discouraged. This code was drawn up both so that Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, as well as those others in attendance will no more be scandalized by mini-skirts and the like.

Whenever the Mass is to be said, interested parties are notified of time and place several days in advance through the mail. Father plans to say Mass once monthly in the Windsor area and you will be notified.

If you are concerned about the disintegration and strange new teachings in the Church, about the sad state of our youth and families, consider attending this traditional Latin Mass. Tell your concerned friends about it. Also, if you still have your old Latin Mass missals bring them along.

If you desire any further information, do not hesitate to write.

God bless you and Our Lady keep you.

Sincerely,

Our Lady of Victory Confraternity

** Pray the family Rosary daily----Wear the Brown Scapular **

Below you see the kind of things my secretary sends me when I start piling loads of work on her, or ask her to be more careful when she puts the God & Country stickers on the back of the envelopes. I really can't complain, though, she does a pretty bang-up job!

Dear Father Dan,

I thought you might enjoy this little sticker. Does it remind you of anyone you know??????

Thanks again for everything. Hope you have a good trip.

Evelyn

P.S. You do have about 1700 envelopes left. I did't see the other box under the stand.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS, Saturday-Sunday, April 20-21, 1974 Section Four

3-year-old group strives to keep old rites alive

The Reverends Stanley Wasylik and William Daly and some 240 other priests belong to the Committee for Tridentine Latin Mass, headquartered in Vienna, Va., a Washington (D.C.) suburb.

The Rev. Joseph E. Gedra is chairman of the 3-year-old organization that he says has members in 38 states and contacts in a dozen foreign countries.

Liturgists took the late Pope John too literally when he called for opening windows in the church and letting in fresh air, Father Gedra says.

"When windows are opened, not only-fresh air comes in but also-bugs, flies, all kinds of insects," he wrote in a statement he provided in place of a telephone interview.

"THEN IS when the liturgists invited the devil to enter the church. For centuries the devil has wanted to enter. Now he is in the church, as Pope Paul VI had to admit.

"To drive the devil out, it is important to rid the church of the devil and his agents, as Archbishop (Annibale) Bugnini and Father Frederick McManus."

Archbishop Bugnini is a Vatican official and Father McManus is a Boston priest and leading U.S. liturgical expert.

The Committee met in February in Houston, where some 600 attended a Tridentine mass there, according to Gary Guiffre, a Houston layman.

Guiffre said the Traditional Catholics of Houston, which he heads, has 500 families and is organizing other such groups in New Orleans, Dallas and San Antonio.

IN WESTCLIFFE, Colo., a Pueblo diocesan priest, the Rev. Dan Jones, drives 3,000 miles a month saying Tridentine mass for seven different communities, each with about 100 members, he said.

"Father Dan," as he is called, said he was suspended last June by the Bishop of Pueblo for refusing to say the new mass. He was ordained in 1968.

In St. Cloud, Minn., the Rev. Maurice Landwehr, on leave from the St. Cloud diocese, says Tridentine mass weekly for 400 people, he told The Daily News.

In Monroe, Conn., the Rev. Francis E. Fenton, on leave from the Bridgeport diocese, says mass weekly for about 350 people.

FATHER FENTON, who is on the national governing board of the John Birch Society, is one of three national officers of the Orthodox Roman Catholic movement.

This Traditionalist group plans eventually to open its own seminary, probably in the Bridgeport area and maybe by next fall, Father Fenton said.

This originally was going to be page 4, but I accidently put page 4 on top of the other page, so.....

Should you be wondering a little about some of these little odds & ends here and there, well, it's going on 1:00 a.m. and I have to be up in time to drive to Colorado Springs for 9 and 11 a.m. Masses and then on to Greely for a 6:30 p.m. Mass, so.....

TRADITIONALIST CATHOLIC CONVENTION

To be held in Toledo, Ohio, June 28th, 29th, and 30th. Hugh McGovern - main speaker. For: both Eastern and Latin Rites, clergy, religious men, women, and children - all traditionalists FROM AROUND THE WORLD. Please send inquiries to:

The St. John Bosco Community of Prayer
P.O. Box 6209
Toledo, Ohio 43614

NOTE: Please indicate somewhere on registration form, Eastern or Latin Rite

FALKENBERG FAMILY REUNION

Shortly after the Civil War my great grandpa Falkenberg came as a pioneer into the beautiful Wet Mountain Valley. His son Frank Falkenberg moved into the house I'm now living in back in 1919, I think it was. My mother, her brother Bill, and her many sisters grew up here in Westcliffe. A big family reunion with all their children and grandchildren is scheduled to take place in Westcliffe this summer: August 9, 10, & 11. If everyone comes we will number over 150. Among other events, we may all get to see the movie "The Great Dinosaur Discovery" which was filmed near Delta, Colorado. There's talk that my brother Doug (the bearded guy you see there in the preacher's outfit) is going to barbecue a beef for the occasion. In case you're wondering, he's got a dictionery in his hands, and thus with the help of Webster is pretending to marry our sister Jean to William (Willy) Davis. Maybe he figures the ceremony they went through earlier that day with me wasn't quite sufficient!

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

A couple of very timely flyers are being mailed out with this newsletter. I hope you'll read them over carefully. One advertizes various current literature and periodicals, all of which I most highly recommend. The other deals with the ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIRCH RALLY to be held in Pueblo, Colorado, June 22 & 23. Many Birchers and non-Birchers alike have been expressing a noted interest in coming to see and hear this slate of really outstanding speakers. From the looks of it, there's going to be a sell-out crowd. So I strongly suggest you write and get your tickets and motel information and reservations early!!! This year's Rally program --40 pages-- will be available May 1. When you write for your tickets ask for a free copy of the program and read the adds--there are some good ones!

That fellow you see over there on the left, don't worry, he's bound to be coming over to the right one of these days--where else could he go with a name like Daniel Welch Grinnan, and being the son of Joe & Ann Grinnan in Durango!

LEONARD BERNSTEIN'S "MASS"

Quotes from an article on page 26 of the Feb. 27, 1974 THE REVIEW OF THE NEWS.

"Leonard Bernstein"s "Mass" is pablum bland enough to pacify both "Liberal" Catholics and avant-garde theatre critics who cherish anarchy eupherized as a "free spirit." Bernstein's "Mass" bounds aimlessly between the questioning of contemporary religious "relevance" and suggestions of the blissful inner radiation afforded true believers.....

"A couple of weeks before the performance in Vienna, where this production was recorded, Mr. Bernstein conducted a concert at the Vatican for the Pope. Following that, he was granted a forty-minute private audience with Pope Paul VI...That this Bernstein atrocity was so well received by the Pope is not likely to ease the concern of traditionalist Catholics still reeling from the betrayal of Cardinal Mindszenty, who now resides in the Austrian capital."